

# **CS 287 Lecture 12 (Fall 2019)**

## **Kalman Filtering**

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- Kalman filtering
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# Multivariate Gaussians

$$p(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right) dx = 1$$

For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|A|$  denotes the determinant of  $A$ .

For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of  $A$ , which satisfies  $A^{-1}A = I = AA^{-1}$  with  $I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  the identity matrix with all diagonal entries equal to one, and all off-diagonal entries equal to zero.

Hint: often when trying to understand matrix equations, it's easier to first consider the special case of the dimensions of the matrices being one-by-one. Once parsing them that way makes sense, a good second step can be to parse them assuming all matrices are diagonal matrices. Once parsing them that way makes sense, usually it is only a small step to understand the general case.

# Multivariate Gaussians

$$\mathbb{E}_X[X_i] = \int x_i p(x; \mu, \Sigma) dx = \mu_i$$

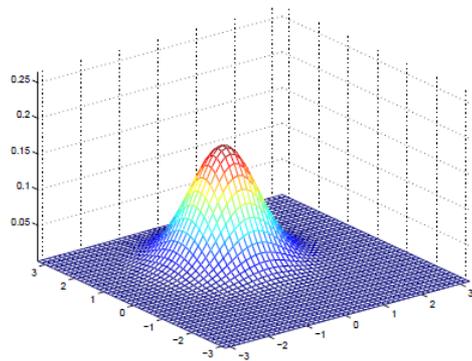
$$\mathbb{E}_X[X] = \int x p(x; \mu, \Sigma) dx = \mu \quad \text{(integral of vector = vector of integrals of each entry)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_X[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] = \int (x_i - \mu_i)(x_j - \mu_j) p(x; \mu, \Sigma) dx = \Sigma_{ij}$$

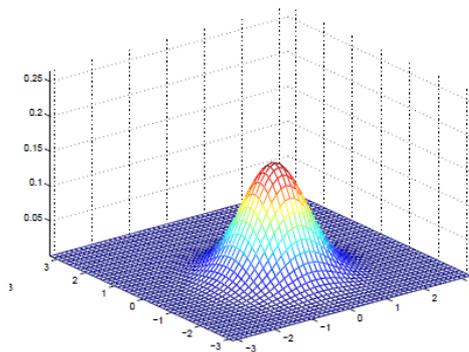
$$\mathbb{E}_X[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^\top] = \int [(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^\top] p(x; \mu, \Sigma) dx = \Sigma$$

(integral of matrix = matrix of integrals of each entry)

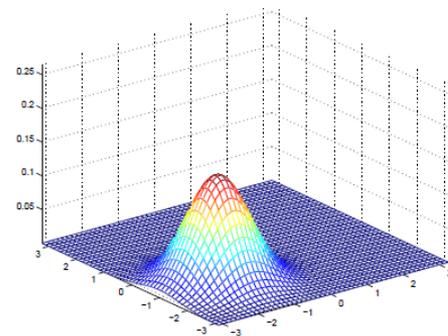
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- $\mu = [1; 0]$
- $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

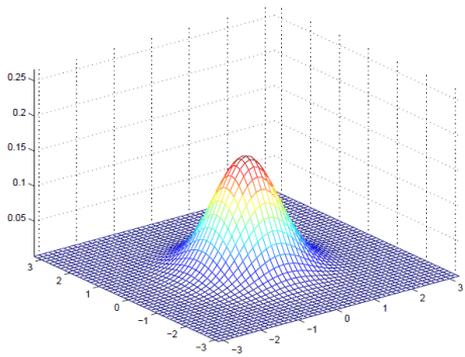


- $\mu = [-.5; 0]$
- $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

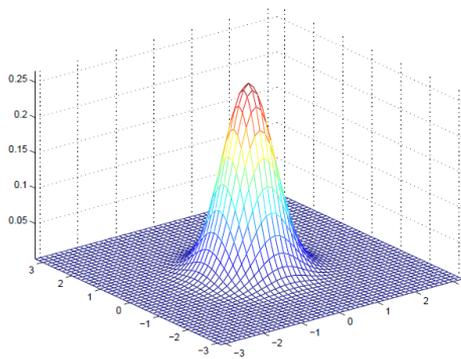


- $\mu = [-1; -1.5]$
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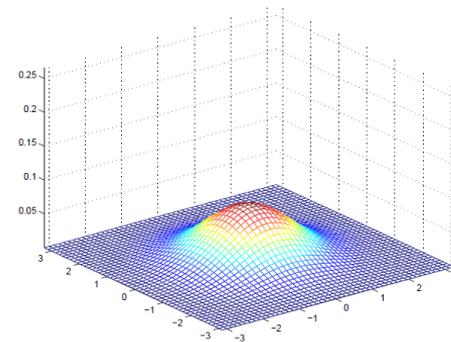
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- $\mu = [0; 0]$
- $\Sigma = [1 \ 0; 0 \ 1]$

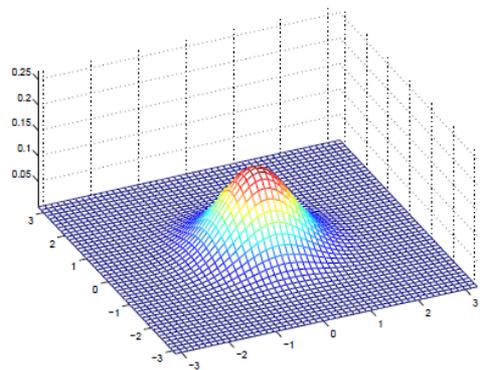


- $\mu = [0; 0]$
- $\Sigma = [.6 \ 0; 0 \ .6]$

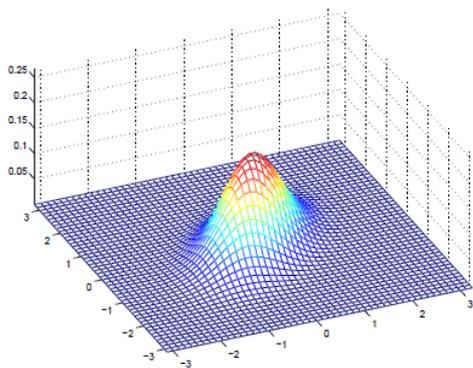


- $\mu = [0; 0]$
- $\Sigma = [2 \ 0; 0 \ 2]$

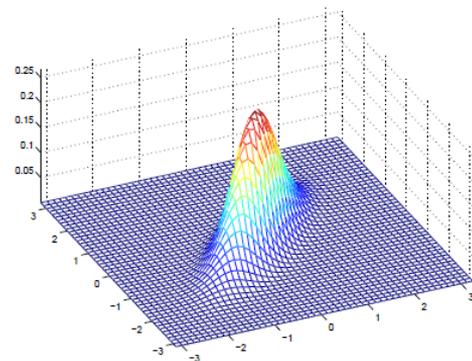
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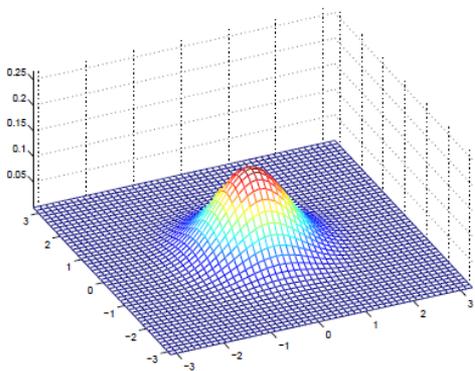


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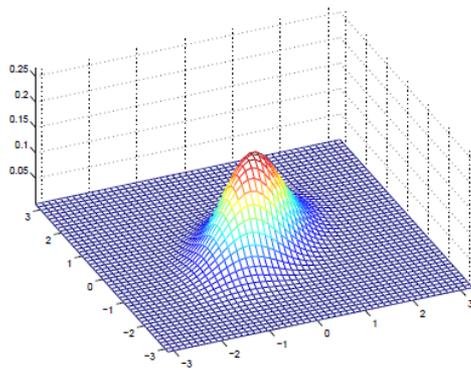
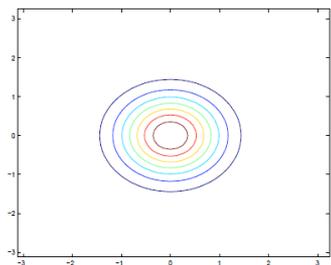


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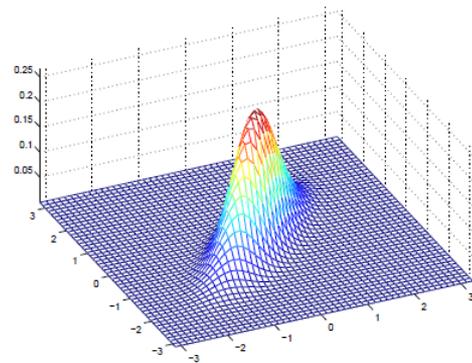
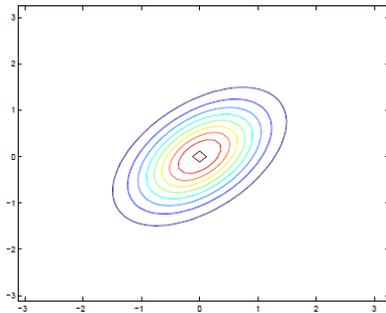
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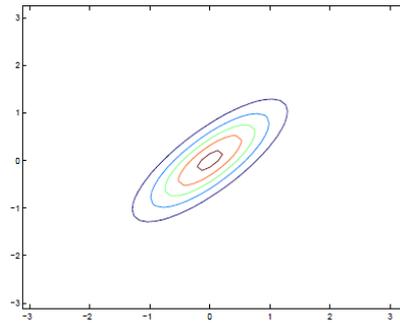
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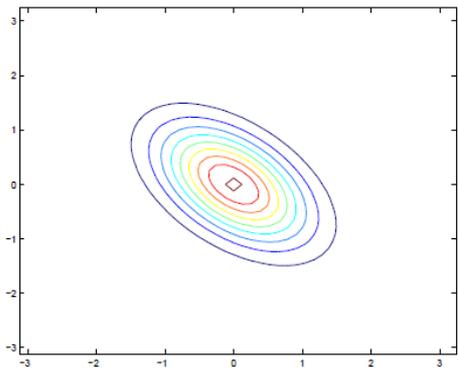
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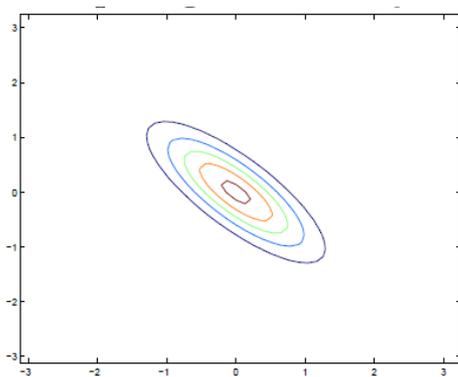
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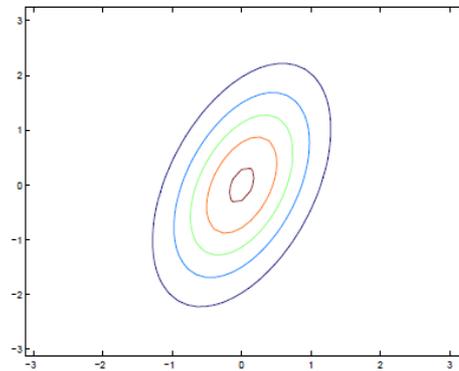
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- $\mu = [0; 0]$
- $\Sigma = [3 \ 0.8; 0.8 \ 1]$

# Partitioned Multivariate Gaussian

- Consider a multi-variate Gaussian and partition random vector into  $(X, Y)$ .

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{(n/2)}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)^\top \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)\right)$$

$$\mu_X = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[X]$$

$$\mu_Y = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[Y]$$

$$\Sigma_{XX} = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[(X - \mu_X)(X - \mu_X)^\top]$$

$$\Sigma_{YY} = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[(Y - \mu_Y)(Y - \mu_Y)^\top]$$

$$\Sigma_{XY} = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)^\top] = \Sigma_{YX}^\top$$

$$\Sigma_{YX} = \mathbf{E}_{(X,Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)}[(Y - \mu_Y)(X - \mu_X)^\top] = \Sigma_{XY}^\top$$

# Partitioned Multivariate Gaussian: Dual Representation

- Precision matrix  $\Gamma = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{XX} & \Gamma_{XY} \\ \Gamma_{YX} & \Gamma_{YY} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{(n/2)}|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)^\top \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{XX} & \Gamma_{XY} \\ \Gamma_{YX} & \Gamma_{YY} \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)\right)$$

- Straightforward to verify from (1) that:

$$\Sigma_{XX} = (\Gamma_{XX} - \Gamma_{XY}\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}\Gamma_{YX})^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma_{YY} = (\Gamma_{YY} - \Gamma_{YX}\Gamma_{XX}^{-1}\Gamma_{XY})^{-1}$$

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$$\Sigma_{YX} = -\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}\Gamma_{YX}(\Gamma_{XX} - \Gamma_{XY}\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}\Gamma_{YX})^{-1} = \Sigma_{XY}^\top$$

- And swapping the roles of Sigma and Gamma:

$$\Gamma_{XX} = (\Sigma_{XX} - \Sigma_{XY}\Sigma_{YY}^{-1}\Sigma_{YX})^{-1}$$

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# Marginalization: $p(x) = ?$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)^\top \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{XX} & \Gamma_{XY} \\ \Gamma_{YX} & \Gamma_{YY} \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)\right)$$

We integrate out over  $y$  to find the marginal:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \int p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) + (y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YY} (y - \mu_Y) + 2(y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) + (y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YY} (y - \mu_Y) + 2(y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X) + (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YY} (y - \mu_Y) + 2(y - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X) + (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) \int \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((y - \mu_Y + \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X))^\top \Gamma_{YY} (y - \mu_Y + \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X))\right)\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) (2\pi)^{n_Y/2} |\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}|^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{(2\pi)^{n_Y/2} |\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}|^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} (x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX} (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{(2\pi)^{n_Y/2} |\Gamma_{YY}^{-1}|^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((x - \mu_X)^\top (\Gamma_{XX} - \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX}) (x - \mu_X)\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have:

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, (\Gamma_{XX} - \Gamma_{XY} \Gamma_{YY}^{-1} \Gamma_{YX})^{-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \Sigma_{XX})$$

Note: **if we had known beforehand** that  $p(x)$  would be a Gaussian distribution, then we could have found the result more quickly. We would have just needed to find  $\mu_X = E[X]$  and  $\Sigma_{XX} = E[(X - \mu_X)(X - \mu_X)^\top]$ , which we had available through  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$

# Marginalization Recap

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If

$$(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Then

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X, \Sigma_{XX})$$

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \Sigma_{YY})$$

# Self-quiz

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Test your understanding of the completion of squares trick! Let  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$  be a positive definite matrix,  $b \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , and  $c \in \mathbf{R}$ . Prove that

$$\int_{x \in \mathbf{R}^n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^T A x - x^T b - c\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2}}{|A|^{1/2} \exp\left(c - \frac{1}{2}b^T A^{-1}b\right)}.$$

# Conditioning: $p(x \mid Y = y_0) = ?$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)^\top \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_{XX} & \Gamma_{XY} \\ \Gamma_{YX} & \Gamma_{YY} \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}\right)\right)$$

We have  $p(x|Y = y_0) \propto p\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}; \mu, \Sigma\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX}(x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y) - \frac{1}{2}(y_0 - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YY}(y_0 - \mu_Y)\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX}(x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX}(x - \mu_X) - (x - \mu_X)^\top \Gamma_{XX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y) - \frac{1}{2}(y_0 - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y) + \frac{1}{2}(y_0 - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_X + \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y))^\top \Gamma_{XX}(x - \mu_X + \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y))\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(y_0 - \mu_Y)^\top \Gamma_{YX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XX} \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y)\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_X + \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y))^\top \Gamma_{XX}(x - \mu_X + \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y))\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X|Y = y_0 &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X - \Gamma_{XX}^{-1} \Gamma_{XY}(y_0 - \mu_Y), \Gamma_{XX}^{-1}) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mu_X + \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_{YY}^{-1}(y_0 - \mu_Y), \Sigma_{XX} - \Sigma_{XY} \Sigma_{YY}^{-1} \Sigma_{YX}) \end{aligned}$$

- Conditional mean moved according to correlation and variance on measurement
- Conditional covariance does not depend on  $y_0$

# Conditioning Recap

If

$$(X, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_X \\ \mu_Y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{XX} & \Sigma_{XY} \\ \Sigma_{YX} & \Sigma_{YY} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} X|Y = y_0 &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_X + \Sigma_{XY}\Sigma_{YY}^{-1}(y_0 - \mu_Y), \Sigma_{XX} - \Sigma_{XY}\Sigma_{YY}^{-1}\Sigma_{YX}) \\ Y|X = x_0 &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y + \Sigma_{YX}\Sigma_{XX}^{-1}(x_0 - \mu_X), \Sigma_{YY} - \Sigma_{YX}\Sigma_{XX}^{-1}\Sigma_{XY}) \end{aligned}$$

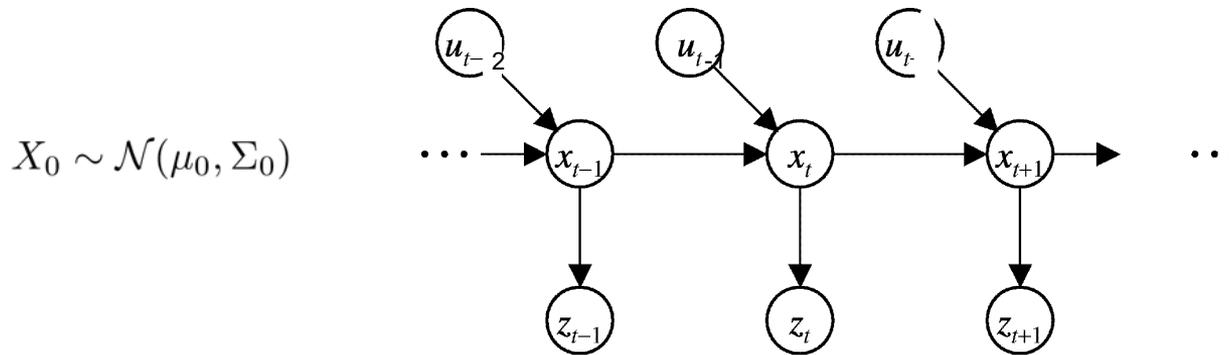
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# Kalman Filter

- Kalman Filter = special case of a Bayes' filter with dynamics and sensory models linear Gaussians:

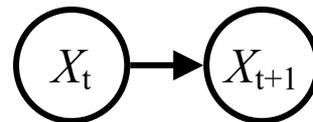


$$\begin{aligned} X_{t+1} &= A_t X_t + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t & \varepsilon_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_t) \\ Z_t &= C_t X_t + d_t + \delta_t & \delta_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_t) \end{aligned}$$

# Time update

- Assume we have current belief for  $X_{t|0:t}$ :

$$p(x_t|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})$$



- Then, after one time step passes:

$$p(x_{t+1}|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) = \int_{x_t} p(x_{t+1}, x_t|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) dx_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{t+1}, x_t|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) &= p(x_{t+1}|x_t, z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})p(x_t|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) \\ &= p(x_{t+1}|x_t, u_t)p(x_t|z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) \end{aligned}$$

## Time Update: Finding the joint $p(x_{t+1}, x_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_{t+1}, x_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) &= p(x_{t+1} | x_t, u_t) p(x_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma_{t|0:t}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - \mu_{t|0:t})^\top \Sigma_{t|0:t}^{-1} (x_t - \mu_{t|0:t})} \\ &\quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |Q_t|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_{t+1} - (A_t x_t + B_t u_t))^\top Q_t^{-1} (x_{t+1} - (A_t x_t + B_t u_t))} \end{aligned}$$

- Now we can choose to continue by either of
  - (i) mold it into a standard multivariate Gaussian format so we can read off the joint distribution's mean and covariance
  - (ii) observe this is a quadratic form in  $x_{\{t\}}$  and  $x_{\{t+1\}}$  in the exponent; the exponent is the only place they appear; hence we know this is a multivariate Gaussian. We directly compute its mean and covariance. [usually simpler!]

## Time Update: Finding the joint $p(x_{t+1}, x_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t})$

- We follow (ii) and find the means and covariance matrices in

$$(X_{t+1}, X_t) | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t|0:t} \\ \mu_{t+1|0:t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{t|0:t} & \Sigma_{t,t+1|0:t} \\ \Sigma_{t+1,t|0:t} & \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\mu_{t|0:t}$  and  $\Sigma_{t|0:t}$  are available from previous time step

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{t+1|0:t} &= \mathbb{E}[X_{t+1} | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}] & \mu_{t+1|0:t} &= \mathbb{E}[X_{t+1|0:t}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[A_t X_t + B_t u_t + \epsilon_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}] & &= \mathbb{E}[A_t X_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t + \epsilon_{t|0:t}] \\ &= A_t \mathbb{E}[X_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}] + B_t u_t + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t | z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}] & &= A_t \mathbb{E}[X_{t|0:t}] + B_t u_t + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{t|0:t}] \\ &= A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t & &= A_t \mu_{t:0:t} + B_t u_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} &= \mathbb{E}[(X_{t+1|0:t} - \mu_{t+1|0:t})(X_{t+1|0:t} - \mu_{t+1|0:t})^\top] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(A_t X_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t + \epsilon_t) - (A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t)]((A_t X_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t + \epsilon_t) - (A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t))^\top] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t}) + \epsilon_t)(A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t}) + \epsilon_t)^\top] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})^\top A_t^\top] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t(A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t}))^\top] + \mathbb{E}[(A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t}))\epsilon_t^\top] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t \epsilon_t^\top] \\ &= A_t \mathbb{E}[(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})^\top] A_t^\top + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t] \mathbb{E}[(A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t}))^\top] + \mathbb{E}[A_t(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})] \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t \epsilon_t^\top] \\ &= A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top + 0 + 0 + Q_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{t,t+1|0:t} &= \mathbb{E}[(X_{t|0:t} - \mu_{t|0:t})(X_{t+1|0:t} - \mu_{t+1|0:t})^\top] \\ &= \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top \end{aligned}$$

[Exercise: Try to prove each of these without referring to this slide!]

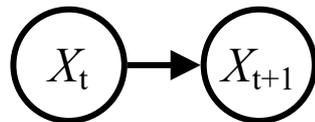
# Time Update Recap

- Assume we have

$$X_{t|0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t|0:t}, \Sigma_{t|0:t})$$

$$X_{t+1} = A_t X_t + B_t u_t + \epsilon_t,$$

$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_t), \text{ and independent of } x_{0:t}, z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}, \epsilon_{0:t-1}$$



- Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (X_{t|0:t}, X_{t+1|0:t}) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t|0:t} \\ \mu_{t+1|0:t} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{t|0:t} & \Sigma_{t,t+1|0:t} \\ \Sigma_{t+1,t|0:t} & \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t|0:t} \\ A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{t|0:t} & \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top \\ A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} & A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top + Q_t \end{bmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Marginalizing the joint, we immediately get

$$X_{t+1|0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t, A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top + Q_t)$$

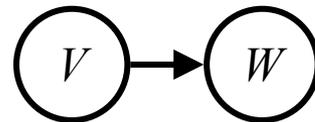
# Generality!

- Assume we have

$$V \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_V, \Sigma_{VV})$$

$$W = AV + b + \epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q), \text{ and independent of } V$$



- Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (V, W) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_V \\ \mu_W \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{VV} & \Sigma_{VW} \\ \Sigma_{WV} & \Sigma_{WW} \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_V \\ A_t \mu_V + b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{VV} & \Sigma_{VV} A^\top \\ A \Sigma_{VV} & A \Sigma_{VV} A^\top + Q \end{bmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Marginalizing the joint, we immediately get

$$W \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu_V + v, A\Sigma_{VV}A^\top + Q)$$

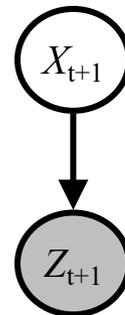
# Observation update

- Assume we have:

$$X_{t+1|0:t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{t+1|0:t}, \Sigma_{t+1|0:t})$$

$$Z_{t+1} \sim C_{t+1}X_{t+1} + d_{t+1} + \delta_{t+1}$$

$$\delta_{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_t), \text{ and independent of } x_{0:t+1}, z_{0:t}, u_{0:t}, \epsilon_{0:t},$$



- Then:

$$(X_{t+1|0:t}, Z_{t+1|0:t}) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t+1|0:t} \\ C_{t+1}\mu_{t+1|0:t} + d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} & \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top \\ C_{t+1}\Sigma_{t+1|0:t} & C_{t+1}\Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

- And, by conditioning on  $Z_{t+1} = z_{t+1}$  (see lecture slides on Gaussians) we readily get:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{t+1|z_{0:t+1}, u_{0:t}} &= X_{t+1|0:t+1} \\ &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{t+1|0:t} + \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top(C_{t+1}\Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1}(z_{t+1} - (C_{t+1}\mu_{t+1|0:t} + d)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} - \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top(C_{t+1}\Sigma_{t+1|0:t}C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1}C_{t+1}\Sigma_{t+1|0:t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Complete Kalman Filtering Algorithm

- At time 0:  $X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{0|0}, \Sigma_{0|0})$

- For  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

- Dynamics update:

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t} = A_t \mu_{t|0:t} + B_t u_t$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t} = A_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} A_t^\top + Q_t$$

- Measurement update:

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t+1} = \mu_{t+1|0:t} + \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top (C_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1} (z_{t+1} - (C_{t+1} \mu_{t+1|0:t} + d))$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} - \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top (C_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1} C_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}$$

- Often written as:

$$K_{t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top (C_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} C_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1} \quad (\text{Kalman gain})$$

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t+1} = \mu_{t+1|0:t} + K_{t+1} (z_{t+1} - (C_{t+1} \mu_{t+1|0:t} + d)) \quad \text{“innovation”}$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t+1} = (I - K_{t+1} C_{t+1}) \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}$$

# Kalman Filter Summary

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- **Highly efficient:** Polynomial in measurement dimensionality  $k$  and state dimensionality  $n$ :

$$O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$$

- **Optimal for linear Gaussian systems!**

# Outline

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- Gaussians
- Kalman filtering
- ***Extend Kalman Filter (EKF)***
- Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF) [aka “sigma-point filter”]

# Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

- Most realistic robotic problems involve nonlinear functions:

$$X_{t+1} = f_t(X_t, u_t) + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_t)$$

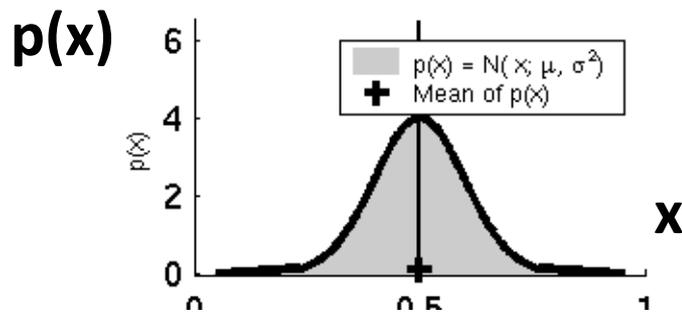
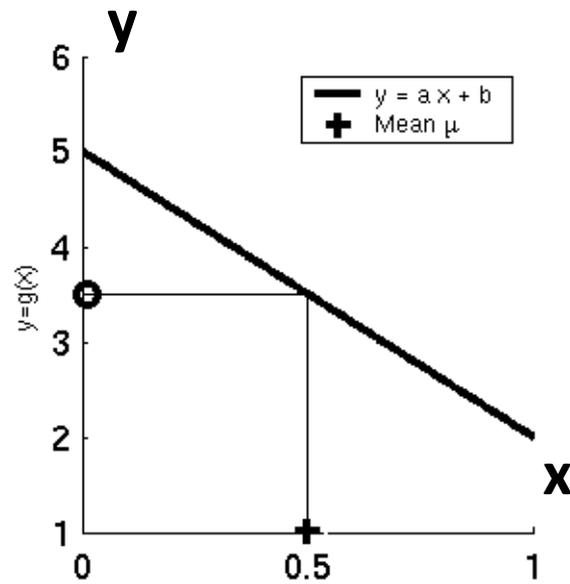
$$Z_t = h_t(X_t) + \delta_t \quad \delta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_t)$$

- Versus linear setting:

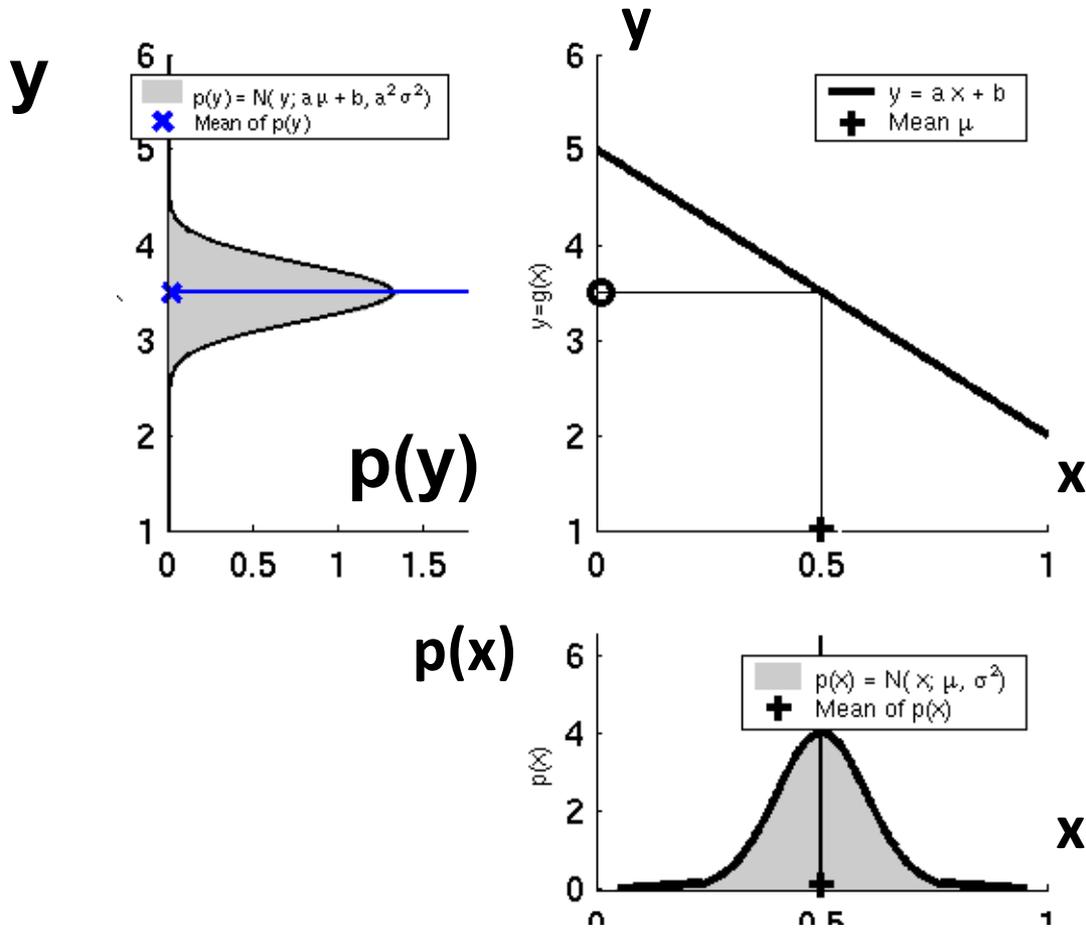
$$X_{t+1} = A_t X_t + B_t u_t + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q_t)$$

$$Z_t = C_t X_t + d_t + \delta_t \quad \delta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R_t)$$

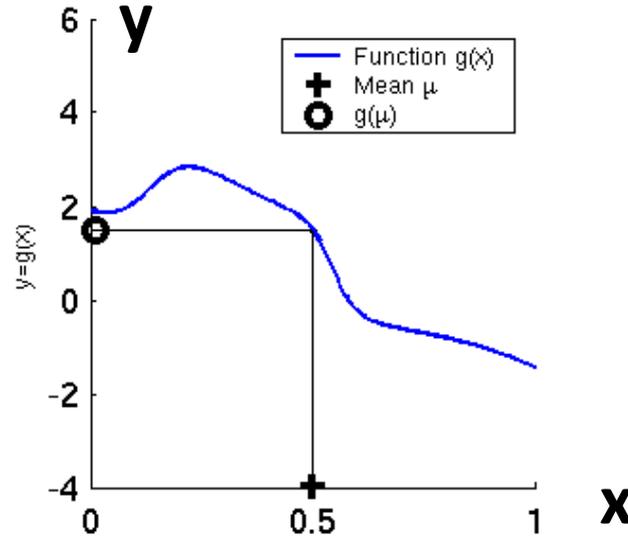
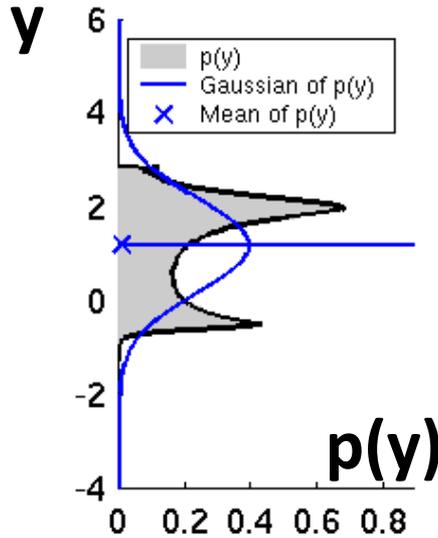
# Linearity Assumption Revisited



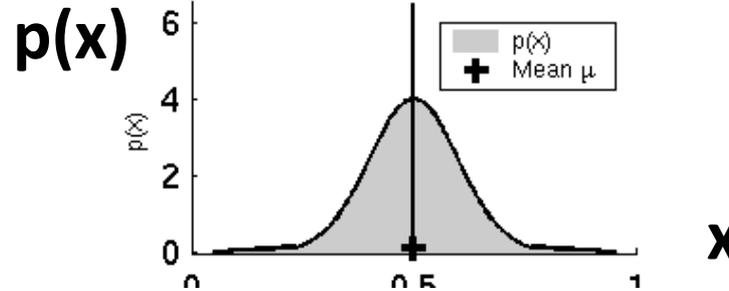
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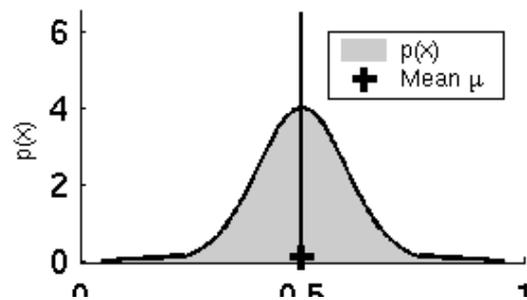
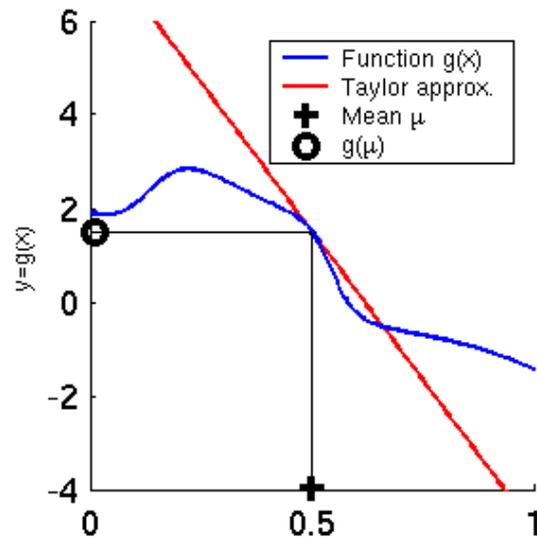
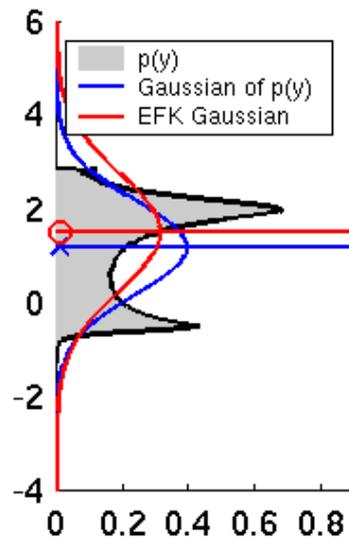
# Non-linear Function



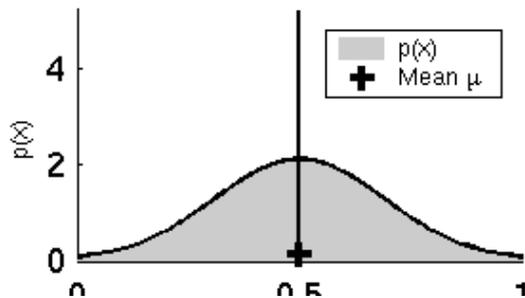
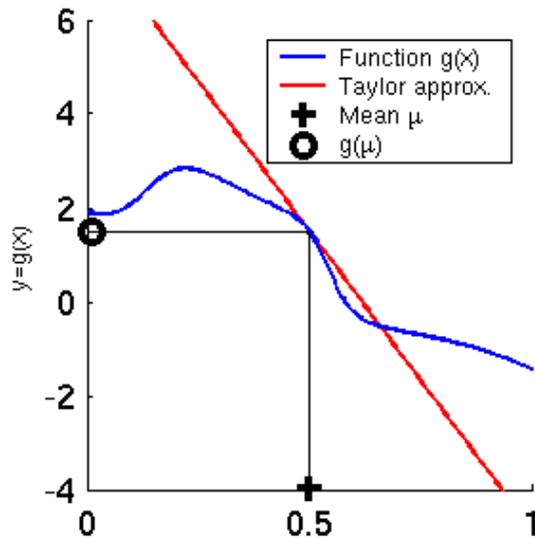
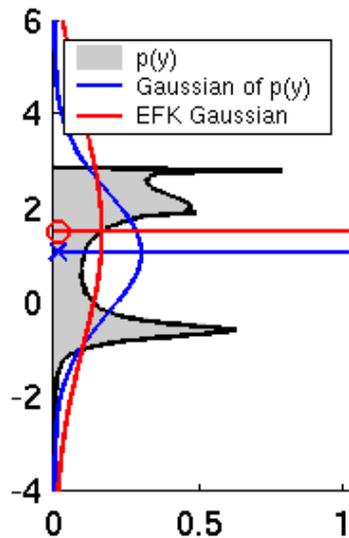
“Gaussian of  $p(y)$ ” has mean and variance of  $y$  under  $p(y)$



# EKF Linearization (1)

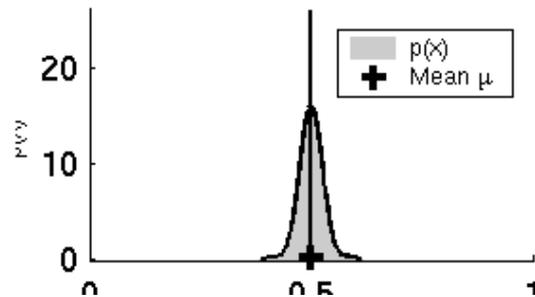
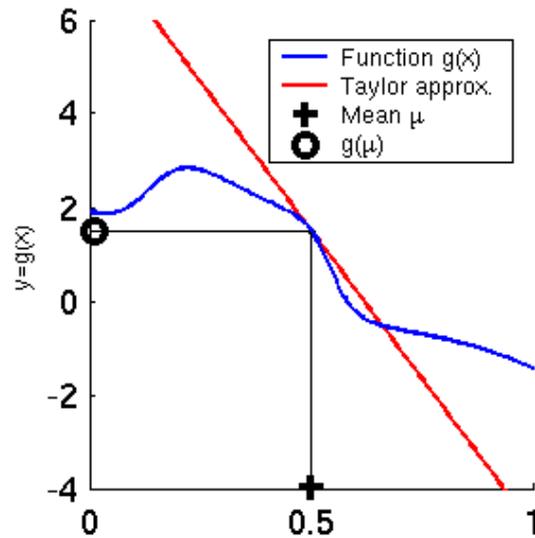
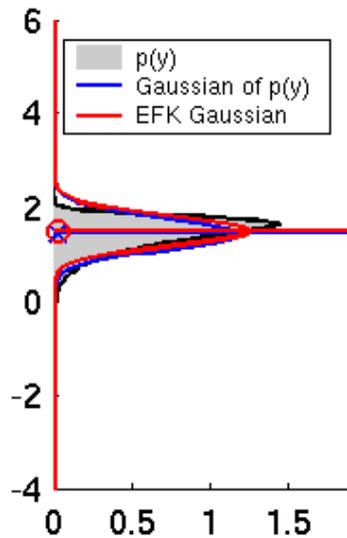


# EKF Linearization (2)



$p(x)$  has **HIGH** variance relative to region in which linearization is accurate.

# EKF Linearization (3)



$p(x)$  has **LOW** variance relative to region in which linearization is accurate.

# EKF Linearization: First Order Taylor Series Expansion

- **Dynamics model:** for  $x_t$  “close to”  $\mu_t$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}f_t(x_t, u_t) &\approx f_t(\mu_t, u_t) + \frac{\partial f_t(\mu_t, u_t)}{\partial x_t}(x_t - \mu_t) \\ &= f_t(\mu_t, u_t) + F_t(x_t - \mu_t)\end{aligned}$$

- **Measurement model:** for  $x_t$  “close to”  $\mu_t$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}h_t(x_t) &\approx h_t(\mu_t) + \frac{\partial h_t(\mu_t)}{\partial x_t}(x_t - \mu_t) \\ &= h_t(\mu_t) + H_t(x_t - \mu_t)\end{aligned}$$

# EKF Algorithm

■ At time 0:  $X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{0|0}, \Sigma_{0|0})$

■ For  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

■ Dynamics update:

$$f_t(x_t, u_t) \approx a_{0,t} + F_t(x_t - \mu_{t|0:t})$$

$$(a_{0,t}, F_t) = \text{linearize}(f_t, \mu_{t|0:t}, \Sigma_{t|0:t}, u_t)$$

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t} = a_{0,t}$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t} = F_t \Sigma_{t|0:t} F_t^\top + Q_t$$

■ Measurement update:

$$h_{t+1}(x_{t+1}) \approx c_{0,t+1} + H_{t+1}(x_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1|0:t})$$

$$(c_{0,t+1}, H_{t+1}) = \text{linearize}(h_{t+1}, \mu_{t+1|0:t}, \Sigma_{t+1|0:t})$$

$$K_{t+1} = \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} H_{t+1}^\top (H_{t+1} \Sigma_{t+1|0:t} H_{t+1}^\top + R_{t+1})^{-1}$$

$$\mu_{t+1|0:t+1} = \mu_{t+1|0:t} + K_{t+1}(z_{t+1} - c_{0,t+1})$$

$$\Sigma_{t+1|0:t+1} = (I - K_{t+1} H_{t+1}) \Sigma_{t+1|0:t}$$

# EKF Summary

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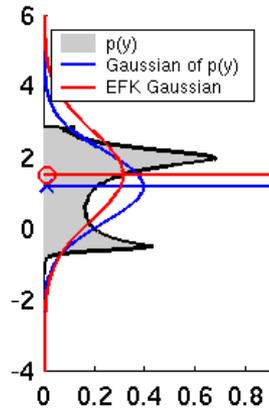
- **Highly efficient:** Polynomial in measurement dimensionality  $k$  and state dimensionality  $n$ :  
 $O(k^{2.376} + n^2)$
- **Not optimal!**
- Can **diverge** if nonlinearities are large!
- Works surprisingly well even when all assumptions are violated!

# Outline

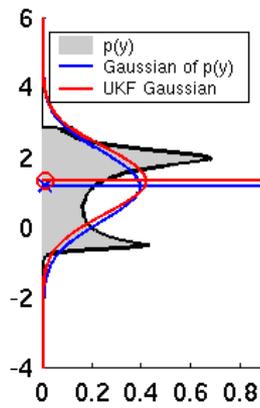
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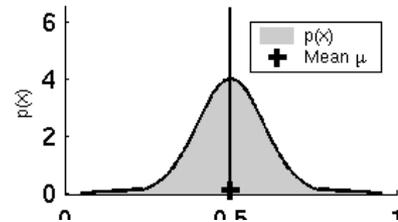
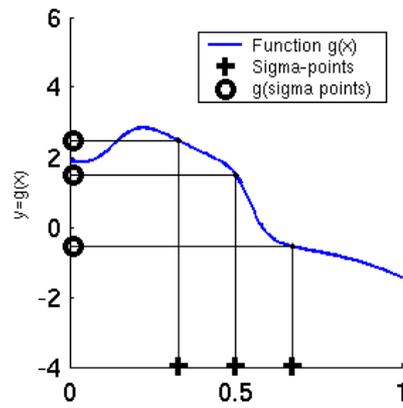
# Linearization via Unscented Transform



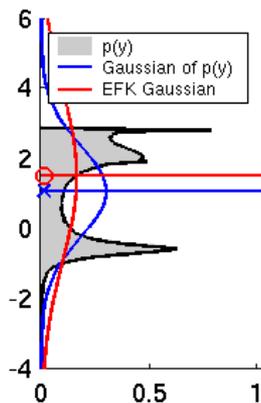
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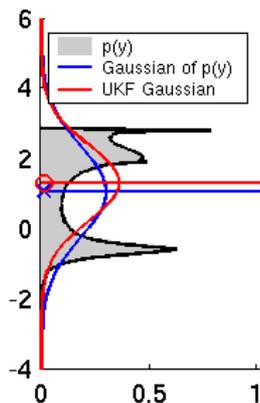
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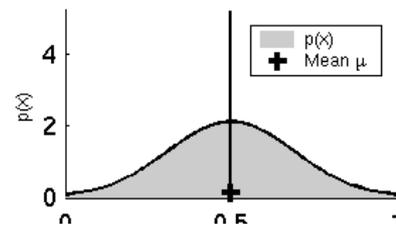
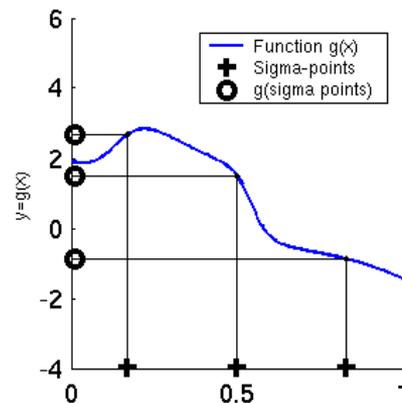
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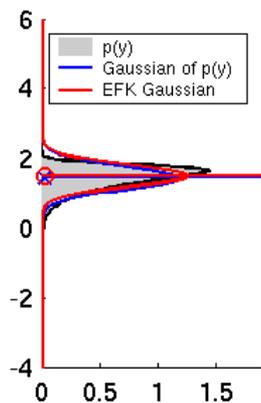
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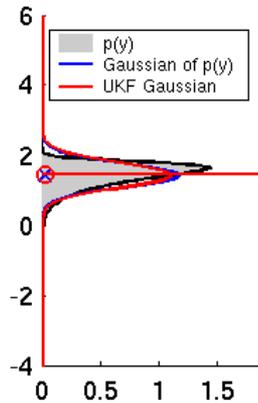
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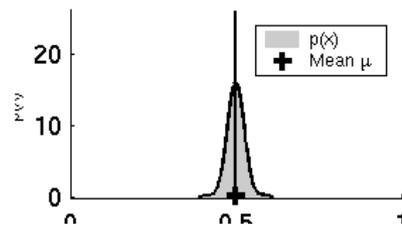
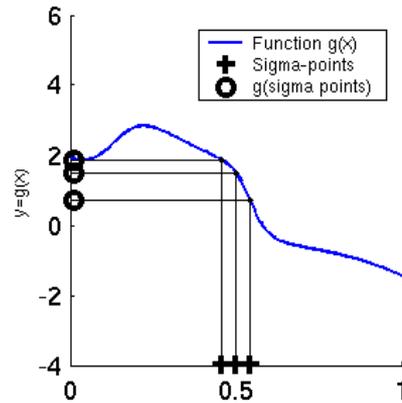
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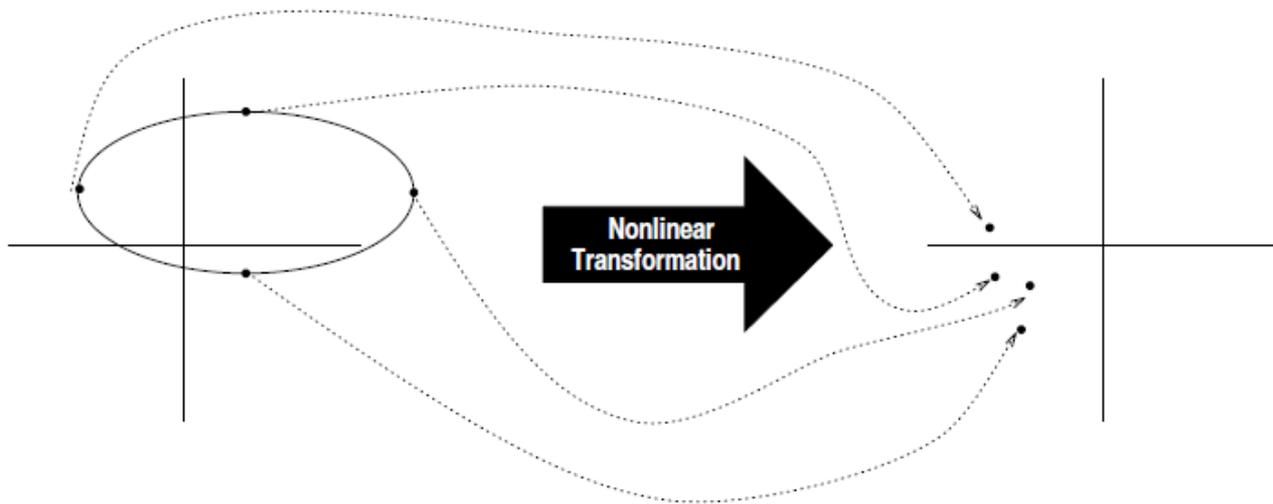
EKF



UKF



# UKF Sigma-Point Estimate (4)



# UKF intuition why it can perform better

- Assume we know the distribution over  $X$  and it has a mean  $\bar{x}$
- $Y = f(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}] &= \mathbf{f}[\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \delta\mathbf{x}] \\ &= \mathbf{f}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}] + \nabla\mathbf{f}\delta\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\mathbf{f}\delta\mathbf{x}^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\nabla^3\mathbf{f}\delta\mathbf{x}^3 + \frac{1}{4!}\nabla^4\mathbf{f}\delta\mathbf{x}^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}] + \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\mathbf{f}\mathbf{P}_{xx} + \frac{1}{2}\nabla^4\mathbf{f}\mathbb{E}[\delta\mathbf{x}^4] + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_{yy} &= \nabla\mathbf{f}\mathbf{P}_{xx}(\nabla\mathbf{f})^T + \frac{1}{2 \times 4!}\nabla^2\mathbf{f}\left(\mathbb{E}[\delta\mathbf{x}^4] - \mathbb{E}[\delta\mathbf{x}^2\mathbf{P}_{yy}] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{P}_{yy}\delta\mathbf{x}^2] + \mathbf{P}_{yy}^2\right)(\nabla^2\mathbf{f})^T + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{3!}\nabla^3\mathbf{f}\mathbb{E}[\delta\mathbf{x}^4](\nabla\mathbf{f})^T + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- EKF approximates  $f$  to first order and ignores higher-order terms
- UKF uses  $f$  exactly, but approximates  $p(x)$ .

# Original Unscented Transform

- Picks a minimal set of sample points that match 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> moments of a Gaussian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_0 &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} & W_0 &= \kappa / (n + \kappa) \\ \mathbf{x}_i &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \left( \sqrt{(n + \kappa) \mathbf{P}_{xx}} \right)_i & W_i &= 1/2(n + \kappa) \\ \mathbf{x}_{i+n} &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \left( \sqrt{(n + \kappa) \mathbf{P}_{xx}} \right)_i & W_{i+n} &= 1/2(n + \kappa) \end{aligned}$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  = mean,  $\mathbf{P}_{xx}$  = covariance,  $i \rightarrow i$ 'th column,  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $\kappa$  : extra degree of freedom to fine-tune the higher order moments of the approximation; when  $\mathbf{x}$  is Gaussian,  $n + \kappa = 3$  is a suggested heuristic
- $\mathbf{L} = \sqrt{\mathbf{P}_{xx}}$  can be chosen to be any matrix satisfying:
  - $\mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T = \mathbf{P}_{xx}$

# Unscented Kalman filter

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- Dynamics update:
  - Can simply use unscented transform and estimate the mean and variance at the next time from the sample points
- Observation update:
  - Use sigma-points from unscented transform to compute the covariance matrix between  $X_t$  and  $Z_t$ . Then can do the standard update.

**Algorithm Unscented Kalman filter**( $\mu_{t-1}, \Sigma_{t-1}, u_t, z_t$ ):

1.  $\mathcal{X}_{t-1} = (\mu_{t-1} \quad \mu_{t-1} + \gamma\sqrt{\Sigma_{t-1}} \quad \mu_{t-1} - \gamma\sqrt{\Sigma_{t-1}})$
2.  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^* = g(\mu_t, \mathcal{X}_{t-1})$
3.  $\bar{\mu}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} \bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]}$
4.  $\bar{\Sigma}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t)(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{*[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t)^\top + R_t$
5.  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t = (\bar{\mu}_t \quad \bar{\mu}_t + \gamma\sqrt{\bar{\Sigma}_t} \quad \bar{\mu}_t - \gamma\sqrt{\bar{\Sigma}_t})$
6.  $\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t = h(\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t)$
7.  $\hat{z}_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_m^{[i]} \bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]}$
8.  $S_t = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t) (\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t)^\top + Q_t$
9.  $\bar{\Sigma}_t^{x,z} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w_c^{[i]} (\bar{\mathcal{X}}_t^{[i]} - \bar{\mu}_t) (\bar{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{[i]} - \hat{z}_t)^\top$
10.  $K_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t^{x,z} S_t^{-1}$
11.  $\mu_t = \bar{\mu}_t + K_t(z_t - \hat{z}_t)$
12.  $\Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t S_t K_t^\top$
13. **return**  $\mu_t, \Sigma_t$

Here  $L = \sqrt{\Sigma}$  can be chosen to be any  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying:  
 $LL^\top = \Sigma$

Technically this is an abuse of notation for the symbol  $\sqrt{\cdot}$ .

[Table 3.4 in Probabilistic Robotics]

# UKF Summary

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- **Highly efficient:** Same complexity as EKF, with a constant factor slower in typical practical applications
- **Better linearization than EKF:** Accurate in first two terms of Taylor expansion (EKF only first term) + capturing more aspects of the higher order terms
- **Derivative-free:** No Jacobians needed
- **Still not optimal!**

# Forthcoming

- How to estimate  $A_t, B_t, C_t, Q_t, R_t$  from data  $(z_{0:T}, u_{0:T})$ 
  - EM algorithm
- How to compute  $p(x_t | z_{0:T}, u_{0:T})$  (= smoothing) (note the capital “T”)

# Things to be aware of (but we won't cover)

- Square-root Kalman filter --- keeps track of square root of covariance matrices --- equally fast, numerically more stable (bit more complicated conceptually)
- Very large systems with sparsity structure
  - Sparse Information Filter
- Very large systems with low-rank structure
  - Ensemble Kalman Filter
- Kalman filtering over SE(3)
- How to estimate  $A_t, B_t, C_t, Q_t, R_t$  from data  $(z_{0:T}, u_{0:T})$ 
  - EM algorithm
- How to compute  $p(x_t | z_{0:T}, u_{0:T})$  (= smoothing) (note the capital "T")

# Things to be aware of (but we won't cover)

- If  $A_t = A$ ,  $Q_t = Q$ ,  $C_t = C$ ,  $R_t = R$ 
  - If system is “observable” then covariances and Kalman gain will converge to steady-state values for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ 
    - Can take advantage of this: pre-compute them, only track the mean, which is done by multiplying Kalman gain with “innovation”
  - System is observable if and only if the following holds true: if there were zero noise you could determine the initial state after a finite number of time steps
  - Observable if and only if:  $\text{rank}([C; CA; CA^2; CA^3; \dots; CA^{n-1}]) = n$
  - Typically if a system is not observable you will want to add a sensor to make it observable
- Kalman filter can also be derived as the (recursively computed) least-squares solutions to a (growing) set of linear equations

# Kalman filter property

- If system is observable (=dual of controllable!) then Kalman filter will converge to the true state.
- System is observable if and only if:

$$O = [C ; CA ; CA^2 ; \dots ; CA^{n-1}] \text{ is full column rank} \quad (1)$$

Intuition: if no noise, we observe  $y_0, y_1, \dots$  and we have that the unknown initial state  $x_0$  satisfies:

$$y_0 = C x_0$$

$$y_1 = CA x_0$$

...

$$y_K = CA^K x_0$$

This system of equations has a unique solution  $x_0$  iff the matrix  $[C; CA; \dots CA^K]$  has full column rank. B/c any power of a matrix higher than  $n$  can be written in terms of lower powers of the same matrix, condition (1) is sufficient to check (i.e., the column rank will not grow anymore after having reached  $K=n-1$ ).